GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF LAND TO INDIAN EMBASSY IN KIEV
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plot of land was allotted to the Embassy of India in Kiev by the Government of Ukraine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the title of the land has been transferred to the Embassy;

(d) if not, the reasons for failure on the part of the Indian Embassy there in completing the formalities of transfer of land which resulted in the cancellation of allotment;

(e) whether the Embassy of India had purchased ready-built accommodation or hired property on rent;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

g) whether the responsibility in this regard has been fixed; and

h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (h) A plot of land was allotted to the Government of India in Kiev by the then USSR Government in 1992.The Government of Ukraine cancelled the allotment due to their perceived difficulties in adhering to the Agreement and the proposed construction in this land could not be pursued. The Embassy thereafter hired a propertyon rent in 1995. As the allotment was cancelled by the Ukraine authorities, the question of fixation of responsibility on any official does not arise. A property has since been purchased which would be developed taking into consideration relative advantage of continuing with rented premises vis-Ã -vis cost of development of the property.